

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/09/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07/31/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-13 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's remarks filed on 07/09/2004 have been carefully reviewed with update search. As the results, an allowance of claims 1-13 is set forth in according to the applicant's remarks stated on pages 2-4:

The prior art made of record fails to teach or suggest, in combination, the arrangement of a channel unit in a digital loop carrier comprises a processing device coupled to the tone detector and programmable to receive the output of the tone detector, the processing device evaluate the output to determine if the tones corresponding thereto represent the off-hook control signal, the off-hook control signal using at least one of a preselected order, a preselected number and preselected ones of the tones, the processing device being operable to maintain the subscriber line off-hook for a selected period of time if the output indicates the off-hook control signal, and maintain the telephony device off-hook and on-hook in accordance with when a subscriber line requests and terminates, respectively, a connection via the subscriber line using the telephony device, if the programmable device determines that the tone is not the off-hook sequence tone, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1 and 9, and further limitations of their respectively dependent claims 2-8, and 10-13.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan A. Pham** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

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